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Attached for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: TAKAHASHI et al.

Entitled: ENCODING RATE CONTROLLING APPARATUS AND  
INFORMATION ENCODING APPARATUS

and including attachments as noted below:

- ☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☒ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract (one page)  
56 pages of specification and claims (including 33 numbered claims), and  
11 sheets of accompanying drawings (Figs. 1-11).

☐ Record the attached assignment and return to the undersigned.

☐ Attached is a Power of Attorney.

☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 120 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed
10-302294	JP	23-OCT-1998
11-237817	JP	25-AUG-1999
09/426,581	U.S.	25-OCT-1999

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

☐ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.

☒ Certified copy(ies) filed on October 25, 1999 in prior appln. no. 09/426,581 filed 25-Oct-1999  
☐ This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 09/426,581, filed 25-Oct-1999, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

☒ This application is a ☒ continuation/☐ division/☐ continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/426,581, filed October 25, 1999, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

☐ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.

☒ The prior application is assigned to Pioneer Corporation.

☒ It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the Examiner.

☒ Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:

☒ Also attached: ☒ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; ☐ Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; ☐ Other:

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Total effective claims	33	- 20 (at least 20) =	13	x \$ 18.00	\$	750.00	
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